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Following our meeting on September 7th regarding cancellation of non-compliant rodenticide products, I've been working on identifying additional information about non-target and secondary poisonings of pets and wildlife. I don't find other systematic testing programs like the one at WildCare in California. They appear to be breaking ground.

However, wildlife rehabilitators and veterinarians likely have information about animals they have cared for who showed clear symptoms of rodenticide poisoning. Some may have tested patients occasionally, even if they aren't doing anything systematic. I want to reach out to rehabilitators and veterinarians for information about their experience treating rodenticide poisoning victims. What information should I solicit that would be useful to support cancellation?

- Only cases documented by testing? Cases showing clear symptoms of rodenticide poisoning but not confirmed by testing?
- What specifics would be most helpful for rehabilitators and veterinarians to include? I would think things like date, species, diagnose, and outcome would be pertinent. You asked WildCare about the nature of the neighborhoods where the animals were found. Would that be particularly useful? Anything else?
- If rehabilitators and veterinarians don't have the resources to search their records for specific patients' information, would it still be useful for you to hear from them about their experience? Would such summary or possibly qualitative information be useful?
- What's the best way to submit this information and to whom should it be addressed? When would this information be most helpful (is there a deadline)?

I would appreciate hearing back about these question and any other suggestions on how we can help support the case for cancellation.

Also, FYI, here are links to some recent news accounts on rodenticide poisoning of pets and non-target wildlife:

http://news.ucdavis.edu/search/news_detail.lasso?id=10337

<http://www.columbiaspectator.com/2012/10/04/poison-meant-rats-might-be-killing-hawks>

<http://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20120921/upper-west-side/pale-males-mate-zena-presumed-dead>

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<http://www.fredericksburg.com/News/FLS/2012/102012/10072012/728869>

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